

# PEOPLE--MOST OF THEM NEW YORKERS

Little Stories and Characteristic Bits of Information and Chat Which Float on the Surface of the Weightier News.

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trust that feeling with the friendly attitude taken nowadays by members of fashionable society.

In the talk concerning the choice of Miss Anthony's successor as president of the National Association of Women's Societies, frequent mention is made of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of Brooklyn. She is a young woman, is a college graduate, and has been actively associated with Miss Anthony in her work.

Miss Susan Willing, Mrs. John Jacob Astor's younger sister, is less known to New Yorkers than Mrs. Astor was before her wedding. Miss Willing's engagement to Francis Lawrence, Jr., of this city, was announced last week. City society details and rumors of family opposition.

Miss Willing is a little more "serious-minded," as they say at her home in the city. She is a young woman, is a college graduate, and has been actively associated with Miss Anthony in her work.

Harry E. Lense, travelling in a lecture tour, is about to visit New York and tell us that our politics does not agree with our standards in religion.

A Western report of her lecture describes her thus:

"Up and down she rode, her hands shaking with excitement, and her keen eyes glancing through the narrow slits of her half-lidded eyelids. A sarcastic smile hovered about her lips."

She told her audience that a man "prayed for the Kingdom of Heaven to come and then voted for the Kingdom of Hell." That the "man with his hands" had "no show against the man with his hands on his conscience."

In a conversation after the lecture she asked a young man: "Do you know that spirits live after the body decays?"

"I believe," began the young man, nervously. "But do you know that?"

Mrs. Lense confessed that he didn't, and looked for enlightenment.

"Neither do I," said Mrs. Lense. "I'm just a lecturer, paid by my manager to go where he sends me, and talk on any topic he gives me."

Marie Ada Molinoux, writer on cookery—she is a Doctor of Philosophy, by the way—says: "Women are called to be natural. It is not manlylike to show a natural appetite. It is an inherited feeling that women should be dainty, delicate, abstemious in their meals, and not become hearty, rosy, even bloated, by means of adequate sustenance. The time has gone by for 'exquisite languor,' for sensibility constantly bordering upon a swoon; and athletic sports, with plenty of fresh air out of doors, are giving us a new race of women."

Vera Wellstchikina—When the self-exiled Russian Quakers, the Donkobers, passed through the Barge Office on the way to found a colony in the Northwest, a woman among them attracted attention. She was tiny, with black hair, intense gray eyes, and the truly soulful face of a noble martyr. She was Dr. Vera Wellstchikina, who accompanied the pilgrims as their medical attendant. She took her quarters at Berne, Switzerland, and abandoned flustering prospects in Russia to cast her lot with her co-religionists.

News comes from the Donkober colony that there is much sickness prevailing among the people. Dr. Wellstchikina is almost worn out by her labors. She nurses the sick, interprets for those who are well enough to deal with the English speaking, and encourages the despondent. The colonists' devotion to her is that of the army of France for Jeanne d'Arc.

UNCLE SAM'S NEIGHBORS FROM SOUTHERN CLIMES.

IGNACIO MARISCAL, Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, and his wife, are at the Waldorf-Astoria, waiting with their daughter Elena for the arrival of the latter's husband, Senor Don Julio Lemannor, a near relative of the Mexican Minister of Finance, who is coming back from England. Senora Mariscal was known in Washington in the '90s as one of the "three beautiful Smith girls." She posed as the Goddess of Liberty when Grant's army marched through Washington after Lee's surrender.

She is still beautiful, with golden hair and blue eyes, which attract attention when she drives out among the dark-skinned folk in the City of Mexico. The family will return home with President Diaz.

Don Ignacio, walking, talking, listening or smiling, is always writing with his finger on the table, on the wall, on the ceiling. If one watches his gestures one declares from them the letters of his wife's name, which forms the period at the end of which forms the period at the end.

Mmanuel Apizaco, the Mexican Ambassador at Washington, was in New York for the Dewey days with his family. He is one of the foremost lawyers south of the Rio Grande, and has appeared frequently at Washington in international lawsuits.

His wife is a charming woman, with dancing, regular teeth and brilliant eyes. Her daughters, Senora Lora de Perez-Rivas, a young widow, and Belen, not yet a debutante, are types of Mexican beauty. Senora Lora de Perez-Rivas is the Spanish word for "light," speaks better English than her parents, and now has an ambition to master slang, which sometimes results in some startling phrases. "I love New York," she said before leaving. Here the day has forty-eight hours.

Dr. Cervo-Marques, the Colombian Charge d'Affaires, is in New York with his family, augmented last week by a boy named Alfonso. There are four other children, from seven years down. Senora Cervo-Marques keeps the children within doors, in spite of her husband's desire to show them the sights of New York. She fears that if they are out of doors, they will be lost.

Dr. Cervo-Marques is a physician, although many of the Spanish-Americans who have the title of "Dr." are Doctors of Law.

J. R. Fernandez-Savage—Although the ancient verbal formula of the Friends' marriage ceremony is preserved, it has now become a little more of the world's usage in it than in former times. When Mary Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of John W. Hutchinson, was married the other day in the Knickerbocker place meeting-house to Jose R. Fernandez-Savage, a lawyer of San Juan, Porto Rico, there were witnesses and bridesmaids. In the old ceremony the man and the woman intending to be married, having given previous notice, attended a regular meeting of Friends.

The man sat at the end of a bench nearest to the partition dividing the men from the women. The bride sat as close to him as the partition would allow. At a suitable time the man got up and said, holding the woman's hand: "Wife, in the presence of Almighty God, I take this, my friend, to be my wife, promise."

ing, by Divine assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithful husband." The bride repeated the formula, calling the man her friend.

Miss Hutchinson's brother was married in Grace Church. It is often noted that when the young Friends leave the society they go into the Protestant Episcopal Church, often choosing a ritualistic parish, in strong contrast to the plainness of their own worship. The others approve, because they say the Episcopal doctrine is nearly their own.

SOME MEN IN POLITICS; AND SOME WOMEN, TOO.

RICHARD CROKER'S success as a leader of men is due to his Napoleonic reserve and his fidelity to his friends. He is the most deceptive political leader living. To the man who approaches him for the first time he looks what is called "an easy thing." His voice is soft, his eyes guileless, his manner subdued and diffident, and he has a way of asking for another's opinion in a self-deprecatory way.

Many men have been broken in pieces on the boss's outward mask before ever gaining so much as an inkling of the real man. Richard Croker intuitively is using his hat as a telephone. It is safe to say that there is no man in the Tammany organization who would venture a liberty with the boss. Democratic in manner though he be, there is still an implacable wall of reserve about him that is never pierced by any man, not even those who are his confidants as to organization affairs.

This reserve is not assumed for effect; it is the nature of the man. He possesses to a marked degree the dignity that results from perfect physical and mental control. He is not a cultured man, but he takes this life and himself as seriously as any theologian. He rarely loses his temper, but when he does, it is a good thing to retreat as speedily as possible.

Mrs. Croker—There is only one person in the world who ever dared lord it over Croker, and that is Mrs. Croker. The ways in Tammany say—under their breath—about the idea of a Democratic club occurred to Mr. Croker after here in the story.

When the Crokers moved into their new house uptown, Mrs. Croker held the change as earnest of a future that would be troubled with no more political hangers-on like those who used to live in the old house. There the "boys" used to wait in the front hall of the boss, and they frequently squinted tobacco juice on the hall mat when they thought nobody was looking.

One morning when the boss was standing under his own vine and fig tree chatting with his friends, Mrs. Croker suddenly swept into the hall and said: "I want all you men to get out of this hall and never enter it again."

She opened the door and swept them all into the street, Mrs. Croker included. The Tammany chief had made no resistance. He trotted away with his friends, offering no comment.

"Tom" Dunn—There are two subjects upon which no Tammany man can dwell without loss of temper. These are Moss and the White Civil Service law. Some of the leaders of the party are talking the other day about the indignities heaped upon Tammany men who went in for a Civil Service examination.

"I believe," said "counselor" Phil Witt, "that those examiners put up jobs in our fellows; they ask them the most unheard-of questions."

"Oh, it's easy to talk," Tom, but what would you say to a question like this, which was asked at an examination for a place in the Department of Water Supply?

"Well, give us the question," said Mr. Dunn, impatiently. "What was it?"

"Who won the battle of Long Island?"

"Paul Bourget—The famous French novelist, Paul Bourget, had expressed an ardent wish to meet and study Superintendent of Police Byrnes."

When Bourget arrived at Headquarters he was told, after a long wait, that the Superintendent would see him for two minutes.

Byrnes had prepared himself for the interview with theatrical effect. He sat in the office of the Chief of Detectives, one leg thrown over the desk, and gave a terrifying glance at Bourget as he gruffly asked what he could do for him.

M. Bourget explained with effusion that he had wished to see the great Chief of Police of New York and note for a future work the manner in which the American police handled the denizens of the city's celebrated slums.

"Mr. Bourget," said Byrnes, loftily, "that is a privilege which I have never granted to any man."

The novelist pleaded until the great man relented—as, of course, he had intended doing—and sent a detective to bring M. Bourget to show him everything.

"He is a great man, your Mr. Byrnes," said Bourget. "He is what you call one grand bono-dog!"

Chief Devery—it is astonishing how habit rules men, no matter how high they rise in the world. Take for instance the case of Chief of Police Devery. Despite his lofty position, he still finds his chief recreation in standing around the corner of Twenty-eighth street and Eighth avenue, swapping stories with the boys just as he used to do in the days when he was a plain policeman. The street corner habit is one which few policemen are able to relinquish.

And yet in the discharge of the duties of his office, Chief Devery is as dignified as any of his predecessors with the possible exception of Byrnes.

Thomas F. Byrnes—No other Chief of Police ever attained the height of autonomy enjoyed by Byrnes, who never put on his uniform to attend a Commissioner's meeting, nor indeed a meeting of the Commissioners, unless the full board happened to be in session.

On a certain occasion Byrnes had detailed a man who was a favorite of one of the Commissioners to duty in the main hall near the Chief's office. When the Commissioner saw his man he took him upstairs to his office and gave him a detailed lecture.

Presently Byrnes came out on his way to lunch. He sent for the offending policeman.

"Who gave you permission to leave this post?" said the Chief sternly.

The man explained.

"Now, my man," said Byrnes, savagely, "if you leave this post again it will be the worse for you."

There was no more interference on the part of any Commissioner with Superintendent Byrnes.

Frederick S. Gibbs, member of the Republican National Committee for the State of New York, rejoices in another baby boy. He came into the world only a few days ago, and has already begun to instruct his father how to manufacture Republican majorities in the Ninth.

"I thought he was the best on earth," said Mr. Gibbs yesterday. "But the new one weighs fourteen pounds, and will soon be able to succeed me as leader of the Ninth. Our youngest shouted 'Goo-Goo' on the day he was born, but he is against any changing alliance with the Citizens' Union."

"His name? Well, we have had a thousand suggestions. Some want him named 'Don Paul' to jolly the German vote. Others think we ought to call him 'Dewey.' Scores more write that 'Teddy' is the best ever. I am waiting to hear from Governor Roosevelt about that."

Mrs. Elliot Danforth—No woman is more interested in the political advancement of her husband than is Mrs. Elliot Danforth, wife of the Chairman of the Democratic State Committee. Nor is any wife more consulted about political matters by her husband than she is. It was Mrs. Danforth who finally determined that Mr. Danforth should become the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor last year.

It was not until Mrs. Danforth had given the proposition several

hours of serious consideration that her husband consented to assume the management of the present campaign for the capture of the Assembly.

On the decision was reached Mrs. Danforth bade farewell to the social whirl of the Waldorf-Astoria and took apartments at the Hoffman House so that she might be constantly with her husband. Should Danforth's canvass be a winning one, it will be due in great measure to her presence and inspiration.

Alfred Spicer, M. P., who came to this country with fifty British Congregationalists to attend a church conference in Boston, is ill in that city with gonorrhea. He travelled to the Pacific coast and visited Salt Lake and the Yosemite Valley.

Sir Thomas Linton bought a lot of tableware from a downtown dealer last week, for his yacht, the "Elin." He said he was going to lift some American cups and things, anyway.

Professor Raymond, of Princeton, has been a guest of honor at the university, and will spend the winter in Washington, D. C., where he has taken a house on Nineteenth street, near Dupont Circle.

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